International Conferences in Universities

1438. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as per the guidelines sent by this Ministry to all universities and deemed universities, approval of the Ministry of Home Affairs has to be sought for holding any International Conferences/Symposia, with participation from neighbouring countries; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) The requirement of obtaining clearance from the Ministry of Home Affairs for holding international conferences has been in existence since long. However, the Ministry of Home Affairs has come out with revised liberalized guidelines in September, 2000 under which prior clearance from that Ministry is no longer required for participants other than those from the neighbouring countries. That Ministry has informed that the provision for prior security clearance for participants from the neighbouring countries has been retained mainly on security considerations.

Confusion about Educational career among students

1439. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that thousands of students are adding diplomas and certificates to their college degrees, hoping that some day it would help them strike gold and they, therefor, enroll for a wide array of courses but end up working in a profession not even remotely connected with their academic profile; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to remove such